

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 70

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dale M. Ross of Maryville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Dale M. Ross; and

WHEREAS, Dale Ross was an exemplary member of his community and citizen of the world who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellows in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Blount County, Mr. Ross enjoyed success as an entrepreneur in his hometown of Maryville, where he owned and operated Dale's Home Center, a furniture business, for thirty years; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Maryville High School in 1951, Dale Ross chose to serve his country by enlisting in the United States Navy from 1952 until 1954; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ross was an active and devout member of the Maryville First Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for many years, attending services, performing missionary work at home as well as abroad, and singing in the choir; and

WHEREAS, he exhibited an enduring love of the outdoors throughout his life, hiking and working to maintain the trails of the Smokey Mountains and exploring Mount Rainier and even Nepal; and

WHEREAS, he also cultivated a talent for public speaking and storytelling, which he practiced as a member of Toastmasters International, and as a speaker at lay mission meetings in East Tennessee, even receiving recognition for his well-honed ability when he was awarded first place in the National Speak-up Jaycee finals in 1965; and

WHEREAS, interested in history and relics of the past, Mr. Ross devoted considerable effort over the span of fifteen years to the construction of several log structures at his home in Maryville, assembling them from the viable remnants of older log buildings; and

WHEREAS, turning his industriousness and skills as a carpenter to helping those in need, he contributed his time and energy to Habitat for Humanity, the Appalachian Service Project, and the people of the Dominican Republic; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted as well to his family, Dale Ross always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ross enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of fifty years, Pat, and was the proud father of Laura Ross Lyman, Julia Ross, Leanne Ross Farash, Susan Ross Jenkins, Rebecca Jordan, Jeff Ross, and Jon Ross; and

WHEREAS, he will also be sorely missed by his ten grandchildren and brother, Michael; and

WHEREAS, Dale Ross leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional Tennessean and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dale M. Ross, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Ross.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.